| (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) |
|---|---|---|---|
| | (ii) *Other American and Caribean Countries* | | |
| | (a) Guyana | 5 | 204 |
| | (b) Mexico | 313 | 1002 |
| | (c) Trinidad & Tobago | 236 | 1033 |
| 5 | *East European Country* | | |
| | (a) Romania | 6375 | 11009 |

**Excise duty on products manufactured by the small sector**

2979. SHRI M. BASAVARAJU: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to change the slab system of excise duty on various products manufactured by the small scale sector, which was introduced on the persistant demand made by the Federation of Associations of Small Industries of India; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard and what are the reasons for effecting the change?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) There is no proposal to change the slab system of excisee duty concessions in respect of products manufactured by units in the small scale sector under consideration of the Government at present.

(b) Does not arise.

**Trade with China and Pakistan**

2980. SHRI T. CHANDRASEKHAR REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state what steps are being taken by Government to expand trade with China and Pakistan during the next two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): (a) Some of the steps being taken by the Government to expand trade with China and Pakistan are:—

CHINA

1. The Governments of Republic of India and the Peoples' of China signed a Most Favoured Nation-Trade Agreement on 15th August, 1984 to promote bilateral trade.

2. A trade protocol has been signed by the two Government on 23rd November, 1985 which envisages a level of about US dollar 100—160 million in the two-day trade during 1986.

3. Trade delegations are being exchanged at official and priavtee level and participation in trade fairs is being encouraged.

PAKISTAN

Government is discussing with Pakistan appropriate measures to remove restrictions in the Pakistan Import Policy on their Private Sector importing Indian goods, which constitutes the main obstacle to expansion of Indo-Pak trade and is discriminatory in terms of the GATT. It is also discussing substantial expansion in commercial exchanges of items whose import is canalised through the public sectors in the two countries.

**Reduction of duty on polyester fibre**

2981. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have reviewed the situation arising out of the Notification issued in September, 1985 where by the